

Amnesty Day



and I should have sent it"

The Higher Heroism

Isaiah 2:4 And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

INTRO. Vision of Isaiah, 3000 yrs ago.

The cessation of all war

The converting of war implements into economic blessings.

Isaiah does not say or imply that there shall be no more heroes. There will be a new heroism, a higher heroism. For the further development of mankind and of the countries it will take a higher heroism and a stronger manhood than is required in time of war. It is for those to achieve who have iron in their blood and granite in their natures, for those who have heard the call to be true men and noble women.

I. SANE THINKING CONDEMNS WAR.

1. Trivial causes of war.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegram sent his paper the following story:

The Sultan of Turkey gave orders for mobilization of his armies and sent the Czar of Bulgaria a sack of millet with the following letter: "Ferdinand Effendi: Mobilize if you like, but be assured that there are as many soldiers in Turkey as there are grains of millet in this sack. Now, if you wish, declare war."

The Czar replied in kind. He sent a much smaller sack filled with red pepper, accompanied by the following note: "Mister Sultan: The Bulgarians are not numerous, it is true, but be assured that to stick your nose in their affairs is like sticking it into our national condiment. Try it and see; they'll sting you so sharply that the whole of Asia will not be able to save you."

A certain petty king of ancient times once sent to another king saying, "Send me a blue pig with a black tail, or else-" The other king replied, "I have no such a pig, and if I had-" After the war was over and peace had been declared, the one king asked the other, "What did you mean by saying to me to send you a blue pig with a black tail or else?" Why, said the king, I meant with a black tail or else some other color." But what did you mean by saying, I had no such pig and if I had?" "Why, I meant by that, if I had I should have sent it"

2. I. 2. Whole countries have been precipitated into war by just such foolish trivial misunderstandings as these.

2. The tragic cost of war.

World War.

\$385,500,000,00.

Soldiers 13,000,000 killed

Civilians 13,000,000

Wounded 20 million.

3. War settles nothing.

Napoleon said at St. Helena, "The more I study the world, the more I am convinced of the inability of brute force to create anything durable."

What a pity Napoleon could not have realized this before Austerlitz and Jenna and Moscow!

The Duke of Wellington wrote to Lord Shaftsbury, "War is a most detestable thing. If you had seen but one day of war, you would pray God that you might never see another."

George Washington said, "My first wish is to see this plague to mankind banished from the earth."

4. THE FALSE GLAMOR OF WAR.

a. Read poem "War" by Richard le Gallienne.

b. Slumming party in Philadelphia, cafes and dance-halls most richly furnished.

Elaborate displays in places of amusements the more effectively to appeal to the baser passions of men.

c. And so that hellish master War uses all our finer and nobler impulses, our bravery, our courage, our sacrificing, with which to feed his own hatreds and lusts and murderous desires.

II. HOW CAN THE NATIONS STOP WAR.

1. The way Ireland became peaceful.

Rev. W. L. Northridge of Belfast, "Ireland had become a butcher shop. The night lullaby by which we went to sleep was rifle fire. Statesmen and all of us had done all we could to make Ireland seem again a Christian country. All seemed in vain. We cried, in our shame and agony, to God to save us. He answered with a revival. When the revival came the shooting ceased. Men, who destroyed the

their neighbor's property confessed their offenses and paid, or are paying month by month, for the damage they had done. Outlawed debts were paid or are being paid. Drunkards and drunkards' homes are ~~being~~ being transformed. It is perfectly easy to win men to Crist. The churches will not hold the people crowding in to them."

Get people right with God and they will treat one another right.

2. War implements stand for hate and death. Their material transfored into implements of peace, into plows and pruning hooks, stand for service and love, for peace and prosperity. The most heroic force in all the world is the force that can put an end to all war, and that force is love.

III. Armistice Day.

1. Its story.

In Paris, in front of Ho/tel des Invalides" stands a big railroad car, on its side is labeledm"The car in which the Armistice was signed, November 11, 1918." Armistice Day began when those mighty war leaders, grave and worn and holding the happiness of humanity in their hands, signed that memorable compact. Oh, the thrill of relief that went around the world- the throb of joy! What thankfulness was poured out on that day!

2. The first Armistice Day followed by others of a similar kind- much rejoicing and parading everywhere.

3. The U.S. Congress made Armistice Day and national holiday for 1921. The unknown soldier was buried in Arlington Cemetery.

4. To-day Armistice Day is a holiday among many nations. The American Legion and the British, French, Belgian, and Italian veterans have naturally assumed the chief charge of the Day, assisted by schools and churches and other organizations. Thoughtful leadership is directing the use of the Day to the end that the lessons of war shall be perpetuated, that arbitration be used ~~the~~ more extensively in the settlement of international disputes, and that all law be respected and obeyed.

Civilization must become Law or it will ever grow to be Hell. Which are we going to make it?

The monkey & the dog